

Gazette Extra, Aug. 19, 1880.

Yesterday an informal meeting of some thirty citizens was held at 1 o'clock at the office of Mr. B. H. Austin, for the purpose of considering the condition of public affairs, and the propriety of calling a public meeting on the subject. A petition to the King was discussed, and it was decided to present it for the consideration of a public meeting to be called at the Bethel Church at 5 o'clock. Posters were at once prepared, and at the hour named the Bethel Church was filled to its fullest capacity by an assemblage of earnest, determined, peace and order loving men. Judge S. L. Austin, on motion of E. O. Hall, was called to the Chair, and B. F. Dillingham was chosen Secretary.

Judge Austin with a few well chosen remarks announced the object of the meeting to be the proper course to take on the appointment of a Ministry which this country cannot and ought not and does not trust, and which is likely to lose for us the respect of foreign nations. That the citizens had determined in an orderly and deliberate way to urge that the country be not deprived of the good government, to which we are entitled.

The following is the petition which was laid before the meeting:

TO HIS MAJESTY KALAKAUA—

Save: The undersigned citizens, residents of the Hawaiian Kingdom, desire to express to Your Majesty our deep sense of the critical condition of Hawaiian affairs from the recent appointment by Your Majesty of a Cabinet consisting of Hon. Jno. E. Bush, Minister of the Interior; Mr. Celso Caesar Moreno, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Rev. M. Kuuea, Minister of Finance; Mr. W. C. Jones, Attorney General.

We beg leave to state that we have no confidence in these Ministers, that they do not adequately represent the wealth, intelligence or character of your subjects, and resident foreigners, that in consequence of their appointment we are personally injured not only in a weakened sense of security of person and property but in an actual loss from possible depreciation of values.

Regarding the present Cabinet as not creditable to the country and that the relations of this government with foreign powers are gravely affected thereby, we are especially grieved at the occupancy of the Foreign Office by a person whom we regard as hostile to the true interests of these islands.

Regretting Your Majesty's action in appointing a Ministry which we are compelled by the dictates of self-respect and of patriotism to oppose,

We respectfully beg that Your Majesty will regard this expression of sentiment from those who have sustained Your Kingdom in the past and are identified with its future, and to appoint as its Administrators those who can command our respect and with whom we can co-operate.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Mr. A. J. Cartwright now entered the Church and informed the audience that the King, *entirely of his own volition*, had removed Mr. Moreno from office. At this there was immense cheering, and on motion of Mr. C. R. Bishop a Committee was appointed to wait on His Majesty to thank him for this and to ask when he would receive the respects of the citizens. By perhaps a felicitous blunder, the motion was put "to congratulate His Majesty," which was amended "to thank and congratulate." Messrs. Bishop, Cartwright, May, Atherton and Pfluger as the Committee went off with the message. During their absence the discussion of the petition, amended by omitting reference to Mr. Moreno, went on. Mr. E. O. Hall struck the key note, by saying that Mr. Moreno's removal was good as far as it went, but that he was not satisfied with those who remain. Messrs. S. N. Castle, W. R. Castle, J. T. Waterhouse, H. A. P. Carter, S. B. Dole, W. W. Hall, A. S. Hartwell and especially Gen'l S. C. Armstrong coincided with Mr. Hall, and expressed their views of the necessity of united public action for the common safety, in the present emergency. The fact that evil Counsels were prevailing of late, and that the community was now misrepresented by the Cabinet was forcibly put.

The patriotic action of Messrs. Walker, Davidson and others, who had declined to enter any such cabinet, was extolled by Messrs. Carter, Hall, and others. The motion was unanimously carried that the above petition, amended by omitting reference to Mr. Moreno, be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, in behalf of and for all those present at the meeting.

The adjournment was made subject to the call of the Chairman and Secretary.

The petition was sent to His Majesty with the following: "A meeting of the citizens of Honolulu, held at the Bethel Church this 18th day of August, 1880, by a unanimous vote *Resolved* that the above petition to His Majesty, amended by omitting reference to Mr. Moreno, be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of that meeting, and submitted to His Majesty as the petition of the loyal citizens of Honolulu."

(Signed) S. L. AUSTIN, Chairman,

(Signed) B. F. DILLINGHAM, Secretary.

Mr. Moreno being out of office, the good sense of this community will sternly deprecate any further demonstration against him. It is enough that an orderly expression of feeling has been made.